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To Win Over Communists

**Efforts to Increase Defections Among
Soviets Abroad Urged**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

I have read with great interest the articles by Anthony Leviero and James Reston on the psychological war now waged by the United States against the Soviet orbit. I think THE NEW YORK TIMES should be thanked for the publication of those highly interesting and informative articles.

Those articles deal exclusively with the psychological warfare against the U. S. S. R. and her satellites. They deal only with operations on the other side of the Iron Curtain.

What I want to do is to call attention to a badly needed operation nobody seems to have thought of. This operation can be best described under the slogan "Pierce the Iron Curtain in Your Own Country!" I mean the Iron Curtain in the Western Hemisphere and especially in the United States.

The specific aim of operation "Pierce the Iron Curtain in Your Own Country" is the disintegration of the Soviet apparatus. Such a disintegration would achieve two things:

It would win over new friends among the members of Soviet Embassies, United Nations missions and even Tass agencies. Some of these new friends could be brought over to our side and would openly abandon Stalin's cause in a fashion à la Alexeev, Kravchenko, Barmine, Krivitzky and many others. Some of them would stay in the Soviet services as undercover agents for us.

The disintegrating operation would also sow a terrifying distrust among all members of the Soviet and the satellite apparatus in the Western Hemisphere and especially in the United States. There are various and simple ways to achieve this goal which I do not want to explore in this letter.

There is ample proof available that many Soviet employes in the Western Hemisphere would gladly escape Stalin's yoke, provided that we help them intelligently to do it without too great a risk as far as their personal future and security is concerned.

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